



DPS OFFICER (TROOPER) EDUCATION PREFERENCES

The Department of Public Safety has established new educational preference standards for the position of DPS Officer (Trooper). These standards are effective January 1, 2007, and will be applied to all candidates currently in the hiring process.

Candidates for trooper will be placed in the following categories or “bands,” with candidates in higher bands receiving hiring preference over candidates in lower bands, which means they will be considered first.

BAND	QUALIFICATIONS
Best Qualified	BA/BS degree, <u>OR</u> 4 years full-time military experience, 4 years of other law enforcement experience, or a combination of education and law enforcement/military experience totaling 4 years.
Well Qualified	At least two years of college, OR 2 years of full-time military or other law enforcement experience, or a 2-year combination of any of the above.
Qualified	All trooper candidates must possess a high school diploma or GED, U.S. citizenship, and be at least 21 years of age.

These hiring preferences will help us to deal with the growing professionalism and complexity of law enforcement work. If you have any questions about these preferences or any other UHP recruitment matter, please don't hesitate to contact Crystal Ludwig at 801-965-4687.